



Ray F. Frederick

October 12, 1926 - September 28, 2019

Ray Franklin Frederick (1926-2019)

CEDAR FALLS – Ray Franklin Frederick, age 92, of Cedar Falls, died Saturday, September 28, 2019 at Windridge of the Western Home Communities, Cedar Falls.

He was born October 12, 1926, in Cedar Rapids, the son of Frank and Ola (Foster) Frederick. Ray began his formal education in a one-room school in rural Alburnett, transitioned to Alburnett's "town" school, and graduated from Marion High School. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force during WWII and received both a BA and MA from the University of Iowa, where he met Annice Carol Hurley in art classes. They were united in marriage on June 7, 1952 in Fort Dodge, Iowa. She preceded him in death on June 25, 2017.

Ray taught briefly in Harlan before moving to Marshalltown. He was a junior high art instructor, then moved to the high school, and eventually moved on to Marshalltown Community College which now houses the Ray Frederick Gallery. Ray's moves between "grades" coincided with the progression of a group of students who were with him every step of the way and became life-long friends.

Outside of the classroom Ray had a long and distinguished career as a professional artist. His art hung in the Washington, D.C. office of then Senator Clark, and at U.S. Embassies in Bulgaria, Bolivia, Germany, and Saudi Arabia. He also had an exhibit in Japan through Des Moines' Sister City Cultural Exchange. His work hung in numerous exhibits and shows, won many awards, and lives in many permanent collections, business, and homes.

Ray is survived by a daughter, Denise (Sam) Barr of Cedar Falls; a son, Bruce (Elise) Frederick of Plymouth, MN; and four grandchildren, Bob Long of Chicago, IL, Kristin (Greg) Hanggi of Midland, TX, Kelly (Jon) Bahr of Brier, WA, and Bethany Barr of Waterloo; and also by 4 great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by his parents; his wife; and three sisters: Alice Koval, Lois Craig, and Ruth Ambinder.

Memorial services will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 5th at First United Methodist Church with inurnment in Fairview Cemetery, both in Cedar Falls. Visitation for one hour prior to the service at the church. Military honors will be conducted by the Cedar Falls AMVETS Post 49 Honor Guard and Iowa Army National Guard. Richardson Funeral Service is assisting the family.

Memorials may be directed to Marshalltown Community College Foundation for use in the Ray Frederick Gallery (Make checks payable to: MCC Foundation, 3700 South Center St., Marshalltown, IA 50158. Write "Frederick" on memo line; or online at marshalltowncommunitycollegefoundation.org/donations/). Memorials may also be directed to Care Initiatives Hospice.

Cemetery

Fairview Cemetery

12th and Division Streets
Cedar Falls, IA, 50613

Events

OCT 5 **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM
First United Methodist Church
718 Clay Street, Cedar Falls, IA, US, 50613

OCT 5 **Memorial Service** 11:00AM
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OCT 5 **Military Honors** 11:45AM
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Comments



“ Denise and family,
Sorry to learn of the passing of your father. He helped many of us learn about and appreciate art, of which I am very grateful.

Rita Ormsby, high school and MCC classmate

rita - October 07, 2019 at 07:53 AM



“ We are truly sorry to know that Ray is gone. He lives on in our minds every time we see the painting of a farm scene that he created for us on our 25th anniversary. We took it with us for the year we taught in Colombia. It drew many compliments.
Don and Mary Maze

Donald M Maze - October 05, 2019 at 02:28 PM



“ My memory of Ray is that of awe. I have so many fond memories of this wonderful man. He was an extraordinary man who loved his children and you could see it in his eyes and how he talked and listened to them. He was a sharp dresser, in my opinion, when we went to the dining room to eat and taught me many things at the table. He loved looking out the window in the dining room and I would sometimes draw on the place mats so he could critique me. He told me my grade if I asked for it or gave me an expression with his face that only I know and will remember. I loved to try to make him laugh or get a grin from him. It was priceless! He was a humble man when it came to his paintings. He loved talking about and sharing his art work with anyone who wanted to come and see them. He loved the best kind of music, country like me, and we would sit and listen to it in his room many nights. I will never forget the evenings I had the privilege to take Ray to the annual barbecue fest. We danced the whole three hours the first and the second year, even with his walker, and he was loving every bit of it. Great memories there! I wish I could have seen him in high school!! We went for many walks outside just looking at the colors all around us with each passing season. We watched many movies together on TCM. He especially liked the movies with dancing in them. There are other memories that are only for me to keep in my heart. I am so blessed to have met and cared for this man and his wife, Annice. He will always have a special place in my heart. I will miss you Ray.

DeeAnn Crandall - October 04, 2019 at 07:09 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear about Ray. I took his painting classes at MCC. He always gave good advise and compliments. He said I actually have talent. When I left MCC I bought one of his paintings which I still have in my living room and I've never gotten sick of it.

I love his color palette. His paintings can go anywhere. I always wanted to buy another one. I live in Kansas City now and have worked for Hallmark Cards as a designer for over 32 years. Thanks Ray!

Kirk Lawthers - October 04, 2019 at 08:09 AM



“ Yes.I do remember Mr. Ray Frederick.I remember him from my school and college days in Marshalltown.In 1971 I came to Parkersburg Iowa to help edit the weekly..Worked 36 years in Pump manufacturing in Cedar Falls..right down the street from First Methodist/.I remember Mr.Frederick very kind and very approachable..open,, I let him be,,he was always chasing a dream.Proud to have known him. Words I have as editor art critic===Fine art judges us,,,Mr. Ray--you went the distance.Amen.

Dave Hubbard - October 03, 2019 at 11:08 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ray F. Frederick.



October 02, 2019 at 06:37 PM



“ Randy and Rich purchased the Stately Lilies for the family of Ray F. Frederick.



Randy and Rich - October 02, 2019 at 11:59 AM



“ What a gentle and loving man. I have treasured memories of visiting Ray and Annice in their Lincoln Way home in Marshalltown and viewing Ray's latest creations in his light filled studio. Many times I remember Ray coming up the corridor to his namesake's gallery at MCC and fondly holding Annice's arm as they made their way up the ramp outside Helio Portes. He was always interested in what other artists had to share and his eyes positively twinkled with delight as he spoke about what he saw. His encouragement to younger artists always made them feel honored. And then there were the art festivals at the Fisher Community Center where Ray always had his spot. His paintings glistened on those red brick walls and he was so eager to share his thoughts and passion with passersby. We've missed him dearly for some years now, and we'll miss him more than ever now. Happy journey into your next creative adventure dear Ray.

Tim Castle

Tim Castle - October 01, 2019 at 08:14 PM